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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In claim 1, line 2, delete "being performed by a data processor and".

In claim 1, line 3, after "comprising:" insert -- "operating a data processor for performing the following steps" -- .

In claim 40, line 4, delete "being performed by a data processor and", and after "comprising:" insert -- "operating a data processor for performing the following steps" -- .

In claim 63, line 2, delete "being embodied on a computer-readable medium and".

In claim 63, line 3, after "comprising:" insert -- "a computer-readable medium storing a program for causing a data processor to execute" -- .

In claim 104, line 4, delete "being embodied on a computer-readable medium and".

In claim 104, line 5, after "comprising:" insert -- "a computer-readable medium storing a program for causing a data processor to execute" -- .

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Martin D. Moynihan on October 20, 2009.

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2. Applicant's arguments, see page 13, line 10 through page 16, line 2, filed September 3, 2009, with respect to claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 63, 65, 66, 67, 77, 81-85, 91, 92, 104, 105, 106, 111-115 and 126-129 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 63, 65, 66, 67, 77, 81-85, 91, 92, 104, 105, 106, 111-115 and 126-129 has been withdrawn.

3. Claims 1, 3, 4, 5, 15, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 40, 41, 46, 47, 48, 50, 51, 63, 65, 66, 67, 77, 81-85, 91, 92, 104, 105, 106, 111-115 and 126-129 are allowed.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jose L. Couso whose telephone number is (571) 272-7388. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 6:30 to 3:00.

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